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RE: Docket No. FAA-1999-5836-54  
Notice No. 99-09

Please consider this a Request for Extension of Time for Comments to the above referenced Docket under 14 C.F.R. §11.29(c).

We, Helicopter Support Inc., Services Division, are approved as an Certified Repair Station operating in Orange, Connecticut. We perform overhaul, repair, modification, and field service maintenance on aeronautical components for rotary-wing aircraft. We presently hold Class I and III Airframe Rating, Class I and II Accessory Rating, and Limited Airframe, Engine, Radio, Instrument and Specialized Services Ratings currently certificated under 14 C.F.R. Part 145. We employ some 85 personnel and have in excess of 1300 vendors.

We presently utilize non-certificated sources to perform maintenance, preventive maintenance or alteration on majority of the components for which we are rated. As a result, of the proposed rule, these non-certificated sources will be required to permit the Federal Aviation Administration access to their facilities for determining compliance with the Federal Aviation Regulations.

The proposal contains many changes to the present certification, operation, and maintenance requirements for our repair station, which requires careful consideration. As a result we are seeking an extension of time for comments, and so that we may allow our non-certificated facilities the time to review the proposed rulemaking and provide to us their comments.

For the reasons stated, it is in our best interest to request the maximum amount of time for comments on this proposal.

Therefore, we respectfully request the Federal Aviation Administration to extend its present Comment Period, at a minimum, to 31 December 1999.

Sincerely,



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Director  
Quality Assurance